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1. The following number of railroad cars was dispatched abroad in February 1954:

To the USSR:

6,611 boxcars for grain
4,640 gondola cars for ore
199 refrigerator cars for meat and butter
272 flatcars

To Poland: 4,528 gondola cars for coal

To Czechoslovakia: 3,221 gondola cars for coke

To West Germany: 122 refrigerator cars

2. The following number of empty foreign freight cars entered the GDR during February:

From Poland: 1,113 boxcars for potash

From Czechoslovakia: 1,665 boxcars for potash

Comments:

- Compared with January 1954, the number of empty freight cars dispatched to the USSR for the importation of grain and ores increased by almost 50 and 30 percent respectively; the number of refrigerator cars decreased considerably, while the number of flatcars rose by about 500 percent. The number of cars dispatched to Poland for the importation of coal increased, but continued below the normal rate. The number of railroad cars dispatched to Czechoslovakia for the importation of coke increased by about 1,000 percent.
- Countries importing potash from the GDR must pick it up in their own railroad cars. This measure shows that the East German railroad administration continued to be short of boxcars.

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